



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Monday, October 28, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chair Woodbury, Vice Chair Berthiaume, Clerk Stevens, Members Fritze and Pepe and Administrator Gaudette.

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Woodbury called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the Business Meeting of October 16, 2013 & Workshop of October 21, 2013 (Pepe/Berthiaume) passed 5/0.

Citizen Input

Kurt Nordquist, Gale Dr. commended the Board and the Administrator for an outstanding job at the District-wide meeting on Saturday.

Communications

Mr. Berthiaume announced that the Annual Halloween Party will be held on October 31st from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Old Business

Discussion: Results of SEBRSD District-wide Meeting

Chairman Woodbury thanked all who worked to make the meeting operate smoothly. A thank you note was sent to all involved in coordinating the meeting,

Administrator Gaudette reported that the meeting went well from an organizational standpoint. After working together, a compromise was voted on and approved for an additional \$600,000 for the FY14 school budget. The next step is for the School Committee to vote to approve or deny that amended amount. Once assessment numbers are final, discussions will take place relative to available free cash and budget cuts. The Town can move forward with new assessments and send tax bills out.

Mr. Gaudette noted that in the event that the School Committee does not approve the amended amount, the State will come in to review and to set the budget.

Mr. Berthiaume mentioned that some of the members of the East Brookfield Board of Selectmen expressed concern that an amended number was put forth at the meeting by Spencer. The Board agreed to invite them to a future meeting to discuss further.

A motion to send a letter inviting the East Brookfield Board of Selectmen to a meeting to discuss their concerns (Berthiaume / Stevens) passed 5/0.

Mr. Berthiaume asked to have a sentence added about voting on a Board member to be a part of School Department negotiations.

Action Item: Set Date of Special Election

Not needed due to lower number being voted.

Action Item: Notify Town Clerk of Ballot Question

Not needed due to lower number being voted.

Action Item: Set Date & Open Warrant for Special Town Meeting

A motion to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant and set the date of December 5, 2013 for the Special Town Meeting (Berthiaume/Pepe) passed 5/0.

New Business

Action Item: Vote to Partake in 2014 CIC Applications for Regional Stormwater Management

Administrator Gaudette reported that this is the third round of the CIC Stormwater grant. This year, communities are seeking an expansion of the grant in the amount of \$200,000. The Board needs to vote to authorize the Town to apply.

A motion to authorize the Town to partake in the 2014 CIC Regional Stormwater Management (Berthiaume/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Action Item: Vote to Partake in 2014 CIC Applications with CMRPC for Regional ALS Services

CMRPC is working with Towns in Massachusetts on the purchase of a shared mobile trailer and will apply for grant funding.

A motion for the Town to partake in 2014 CIC applications with CMRPC for regional ALS services (Berthiaume/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Town Administrator Report

SEBRSD Budget Update

Discussed above

Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Pepe noted that he attended a productive Finance Committee meeting.

Citizen input

Al Atchue, Meadow Rd commended the Administrator and the Board for not only their work on Saturday, but for the past several months of dealing with the School Committee and budget issues.

Board Member and Staff Comments

Chairman Woodbury said the Board has a responsibility to voters and Town employees and will continue to do their best and thank fellow Board members for working together.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials: